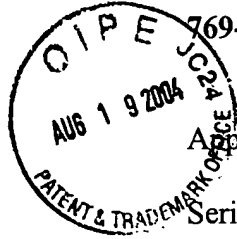


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2004, Applicants request that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the present pending claims be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 17, 2004

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